

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-40 and 43-44 before calculating the filing fee for the present application.

The current claims for this application are listed below.

1-40. (Canceled)

41. (Original) A fluid bearing comprising:
a bearing plate having a face surface;
a surface restrictor on said face surface, said surface restrictor for restricting flow of fluid
in said fluid bearing, said surface restrictor comprising a channel formed on said
face surface.

42. (Original) A fluid bearing as in claim 41 wherein said surface restrictor is etched on
said face surface.

43-44. (Canceled)

45. (Original) A method of forming a bearing member for a fluid interface comprising:
etching a pattern in a bearing plate surface of a bearing plate, said bearing plate surface
providing a surface for said fluid interface and said pattern providing for fluid
flow in said fluid interface.

46. (Original) A method as in claim 45 wherein said fluid interface comprises one of a
fluid bearing or a vacuum chuck, and wherein said method further comprises bonding said
bearing plate to a bearing member.

47. (Original) A method as in claim 46 wherein said bonding step comprises applying an adhesive which is flexible before hardening between a bonding surface of said bearing plate and said bearing member and pressing said bearing plate surface against a predetermined surface during at least a portion of a time that said adhesive hardens.

48. (Original) A method as in claim 45 wherein said pattern comprises a fluid flow restrictor etched into said bearing plate surface.